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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT : SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1939.

The latest available statistics, from various sources, which offer some indication of the movement of Employment and Unemployment throughout Australia have been issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

Employment in Factories. The number of persons employed in Australian factories in 1938-39 was 22.6% greater than in the pre-depression year of 1923-29, but was 1.4% less than in the year 1937-38. When the growth in employee population is taken into account, the 1938-39 index number was 8.7% greater than the 1928-29 index and 2.3% less than the index for 1937-38.

A comparison of factory employment in August, 1939 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with August, 1938, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, -2.4; Victoria, -4.0; Queensland, -0.8; South Australia, +2.7; Western Australia, -2.8; Tasmania, -2.4; Australia, -2.4 (or taking account of the growth of employee population, -3.5).

Employment in Retail Stores. The index number for Australia for the year 1938-39 indicates a 30% increase in employment since July, 1933 (the first date for which figures are available), and a 1.3% increase since 1937-38. When the growth of employee population is taken into account the increases are 22.5% since July, 1933 and 0.2% since 1937-38.

A comparison of employment in retail stores in August, 1939 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with August, 1938, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, nil; Victoria, +1.5; Queensland, +2.7; South Australia, -2.7; Western Australia, +0.9; Tasmania, +5.5; Australia, +0.6 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, -0.4).

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MONTHLY INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT EXCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS (a)

(Base: Average for year 1928-29 = 100)

Period			New South Wales			Victoria			Queensland			South Australia			Western Australia			Tasmania			Australia						
																					Unadjusted Index			Index di- vided by Index of Employee Population			
Number of Employees, 1928-29			M.129,539; F. 44,581 T.174,120			M. 98,068; F. 51,198 T.149,266			M.35,581 F. 7,855 T.43,436			M.29,014; F. 6,362 T.35,376			M.16,039; F. 3,760 T.19,799			M.7,703; F.2,281 T.9,984			M.315,944; F.116,037; T.431,981			..			
Index for 1926-27			..	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1927-28			..	100	98	99	102	99	101	101	89	99	113	109	112	95	91	94	105	88	101	101.5	97.8	100.5	105.9	102.0	104.9
1928-29			..	99	97	98	100	98	100	101	92	99	106	106	106	98	97	98	107	104	106	100.4	97.8	99.7	102.5	99.8	101.7
1929-30			..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930-31			..	90	91	90	96	98	97	95	94	94	87	89	87	94	98	94	105	99	104	92.4	94.6	93.0	91.0	92.9	91.5
1931-32			..	68	75	70	78	83	80	83	85	84	63	71	64	68	76	69	85	83	84	72.9	79.1	74.6	71.0	76.4	78.4
1932-33			..	66	79	69	77	90	81	78	84	79	61	76	64	61	75	63	84	87	85	70.4	84.1	74.1	67.7	80.0	71.0
1933-34			..	73	86	76	87	101	92	80	92	82	68	84	71	68	81	70	86	90	87	77.6	93.1	81.8	73.7	87.3	77.4
1934-35			..	82	94	85	96	107	100	86	99	88	77	89	80	75	85	77	93	89	92	86.1	99.4	89.7	80.8	92.0	84.0
1935-36			..	93	107	97	106	113	108	92	105	94	89	97	91	83	92	85	101	97	100	96.3	108.4	99.6	89.4	98.9	92.2
1936-37			..	104	116	107	117	119	117	97	110	99	104	110	105	99	106	100	112	103	110	107.0	116.2	109.4	98.4	105.0	100.2
1937-38			..	112	125	115	123	121	123	103	116	106	110	113	111	107	113	108	122	103	118	114.4	121.2	116.3	104.1	108.3	105.3
1938-39 (b)			..	121	134	124	131	126	130	112	123	114	120	121	121	110	116	111	130	108	125	122.9	128.0	124.3	110.7	113.0	111.3
1937 - August (a)			..	c	c	125	127	121	125	115	125	117	115	120	116	108	117	110	132	113	128	121.5	120.7	122.6	108.4	109.6	108.7
September			..	118	131	121	126	123	125	116	122	117	118	115	117	108	111	108	122	103	118	119.9	124.7	121.2	108.4	110.6	109.0
October			..	119	133	122	128	126	127	117	124	118	117	118	118	108	114	109	123	97	117	120.8	126.8	122.4	109.1	112.3	110.0
November			..	120	134	124	131	127	130	117	126	119	117	119	117	109	117	111	127	101	121	122.6	128.5	124.2	110.6	113.7	111.5
December			..	122	135	125	132	128	131	117	127	118	120	120	120	110	119	112	131	101	124	123.8	129.5	125.3	111.6	114.5	112.4
			..	122	137	126	133	127	131	112	125	114	123	120	122	112	119	113	135	105	128	124.2	129.5	125.6	111.9	114.4	112.5

MONTHLY INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT EXCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS
(Continued)

Period	New South Wales			Victoria			Queensland			South Australia			Western Australia			Tasmania			Australia								
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	Unadjusted Index			Index di- vided by Index of Employee Population					
1938 - January ..	121	128	123	130	119	126	100	115	103	122	120	121	110	115	111	135	114	130	121.5	121.8	121.6	109.4	107.5	108.9			
February ..	122	135	125	134	130	133	107	124	110	124	126	124	111	118	112	137	116	132	123.8	130.8	125.7	111.4	115.3	112.4			
March ..	123	138	127	136	133	135	111	125	113	124	130	125	113	117	114	137	120	133	125.6	133.2	127.6	112.9	117.3	114.0			
April ..	122	137	126	135	130	134	111	122	113	125	129	125	112	118	113	134	111	129	125.0	131.5	126.7	112.2	115.7	113.1			
May ..	123	137	127	134	127	132	113	123	115	121	124	122	111	117	112	133	112	128	124.7	130.0	126.2	111.9	114.3	112.6			
June ..	124	136	127	132	125	130	115	124	117	117	119	117	110	116	111	130	111	125	124.2	128.3	125.3	111.4	112.7	111.7			
July (b) ..	Not avail- able			126	128	121	125	115	118	115	112	109	111	107	111	107	128	112	124	121.7	124.2	122.4	109.0	109.0	109.0		
August ..				126	126	125	126	120	121	120	109	116	110	106	114	108	129	113	125	121.4	128.2	123.2	108.7	112.4	109.6		
September ..				126	127	125	126	122	124	122	113	120	114	106	114	107	127	107	122	121.9	128.4	123.7	109.0	112.4	110.0		
October ..				126	128	123	126	119	130	121	114	122	115	103	118	110	130	105	124	122.7	127.9	124.0	109.7	111.9	110.1		
November ..				126	129	122	127	118	128	120	116	122	117	110	119	112	131	101	124	123.2	127.0	124.2	110.0	111.0	110.2		
December ..				126	128	117	124	119	127	121	115	120	116	112	120	113	131	104	125	123.7	123.6	123.6	110.4	107.9	109.6		
1939 - January ..				121	125	106	119	107	122	109	119	123	120	106	112	107	137	118	133	119.8	114.5	118.4	106.8	99.9	104.9		
February ..				123	126	119	124	109	127	112	121	123	121	107	118	109	140	131	138	120.9	124.5	121.9	107.7	108.5	107.9		
March ..				125	127	124	126	111	130	114	121	128	122	110	119	112	138	120	134	121.2	128.7	123.3	107.9	112.1	109.0		
April ..				124	127	128	127	111	125	114	118	120	118	103	118	110	137	126	134	120.2	130.8	123.2	106.9	113.8	108.8		
May ..				123	129	120	126	116	127	118	115	118	116	108	120	110	131	114	129	121.6	124.8	122.5	108.1	108.5	108.1		
June ..				123	125	119	123	115	125	117	111	122	113	107	119	109	129	108	124	119.6	124.7	121.0	106.2	108.3	106.7		
July ..				123	121	118	120	117	118	118	111	116	111	102	112	104	125(d)	107	121	118.5	122.7	119.5	105.1	106.4	105.3		
August ..				123	121	122	121	118	121	119	112	118	113	102	117	105	126(d)	109	122	118.0	126.2	120.2	104.6	109.4	105.8		
Number of Factories in Sample	1901			100			150			147			92			49			2439								
Percentage of employees in sample in 1937-38	86			21			46			62			32			56			54								

(a) The indexes for 1937-38 are based on the final factory returns. From July, 1938, the indexes have been computed on the basis of the 1937-38 final figures.

(b) After June, 1938, indexes are based on sample returns, and male and female indexes for Australia are calculated on the assumption that the change in masculinity in the six States is equal to the change in the five States other than New South Wales for which State sample masculinity figures are not available.

(c) Not available.

(d) Pending an inquiry into methods of estimation the index for Western Australia from July, 1939 onwards may not agree with that published by the Government Statistician, of Western Australia.

MALES EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES AS PERCENTAGE OF ALL PERSONS
EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens- land	South Australia	Western Australia	Tas- mania	AUSTRALIA
1926-27	74.8	66.3	83.8	82.4	81.7	80.2	73.8
1927-28	74.8	66.2	83.2	82.0	81.2	77.6	73.6
1928-29	74.4	65.7	81.9	82.0	81.0	77.2	73.1
1929-30	74.1	65.1	81.9	81.7	80.3	78.2	72.7
1930-31	72.6	64.4	81.6	80.2	79.3	77.5	71.5
1931-32	70.7	62.1	80.8	78.6	77.6	76.6	69.5
1932-33	71.0	62.2	79.8	78.5	78.2	76.4	69.4
1933-34	71.5	63.2	79.7	79.8	78.9	77.9	70.2
1934-35	71.8	64.1	79.7	80.8	79.4	78.0	70.8
1935-36	72.2	65.3	80.0	81.2	80.1	78.6	71.5
1936-37	72.2	66.1	80.1	81.6	80.3	80.0	72.0
1937-38	72.4	66.6	80.6	81.9	80.2	80.3	72.3
1938-39	n.a.	66.9	80.6	81.4	79.8	79.8	72.4
1937 -							
August	72.4	66.3	81.2	82.3	80.6	80.0	72.4
September	72.2	66.1	81.1	82.0	80.1	81.1	72.2
October	72.3	66.3	80.8	81.8	79.9	80.9	72.2
November	72.3	66.4	80.7	82.0	79.8	81.4	72.2
December	72.2	66.7	80.2	82.4	80.0	81.3	72.3
1938 -							
January	73.4	67.8	79.8	82.3	80.3	80.0	73.1
February	72.4	66.3	79.6	81.7	80.1	79.9	72.0
March	72.2	66.2	80.0	81.4	80.4	79.4	72.0
April	72.1	66.6	80.4	81.6	80.2	80.2	72.1
May	72.3	66.8	80.6	81.7	80.2	80.0	72.3
June	72.6	66.9	80.8	81.7	80.2	79.8	72.5
July (a)	n.a.	67.0	81.5	82.3	80.5	79.4	(b) 72.7
August	n.a.	66.0	81.8	81.1	79.9	79.3	72.0
September	n.a.	66.1	81.7	81.1	79.8	80.1	72.1
October	n.a.	66.7	80.6	80.9	79.7	80.7	72.3
November	n.a.	66.9	80.7	81.2	79.7	81.4	72.5
December	n.a.	67.8	81.0	81.4	79.9	81.0	73.2
1939 -							
January	n.a.	69.2	79.8	81.5	80.0	79.7	73.8
February	n.a.	67.0	79.6	81.8	79.5	78.3	72.3
March	n.a.	66.1	79.4	81.2	79.8	79.5	71.8
April	n.a.	65.5	80.1	81.7	79.7	78.5	71.4
May	n.a.	67.3	80.5	81.7	79.4	80.1	72.7
June	n.a.	66.7	80.7	80.7	79.3	80.2	72.3
July	n.a.	66.3	81.9	81.4	79.5	79.8	72.4
August	n.a.	65.5	81.5	81.2	78.8	79.7	71.8

n.a. not available.

Note: This table has been revised to exclude working proprietors.

(a) From July, 1938, the percentages are based on estimates computed from returns from "sample" factories.

(b) From July, 1938, the percentage for Australia is calculated on the assumption that the change in masculinity in the six States is equal to the change in the five States, other than New South Wales, for which sample masculinity figures are not available.

MONTHLY INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES

(Base: July, 1933 = 100)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia	
							Unadjusted Index	Index divided by Index of Employee Population
Index for -								
1934-35	111	118	106	108	105	108	111.6	109.8
1935-36	118	130	109	114	110	112	119.4	116.2
1936-37	124	137	111	115	115	119	124.7	120.1
1937-38	130	141	112	115	116	118	128.3	122.2
1938-39	132	142	114	114	116	133	130.0	122.5
1937 -								
August	126	133	110	112	113	121	123.7	118.4
September	126	135	110	117	113	123	124.9	119.4
October	127	140	110	113	114	123	126.7	121.0
November	129	143	110	115	116	125	128.8	122.9
December	144	161	123	129	126	138	143.9	137.1
1938 -								
January	128	144	111	115	122	126	128.9	122.7
February	131	139	111	112	116	124	127.9	121.7
March	128	140	110	112	115	123	126.7	120.5
April	129	140	112	113	117	125	127.7	121.4
May	129	141	112	114	115	126	128.3	121.7
June	131	142	113	114	114	126	129.1	122.4
July	134	139	111	114	120	130	129.4	122.5
August	129	135	111	112	113	127	126.0	119.2
September	128	137	111	118	114	127	126.7	119.8
October	129	142	110	113	115	128	128.0	120.9
November	132	146	115	116	116	130	131.3	123.9
December	148	165	127	124	131	146	146.9	138.5
1939 -								
January	129	142	113	111	120	137	128.8	121.3
February	134	141	113	112	113	131	129.8	122.2
March	129	139	113	111	113	132	127.2	119.6
April	129	139	112	111	113	133	127.4	119.7
May	131	141	114	111	113	134	128.7	120.8
June	130	142	118	113	113	138	129.5	121.4
July	133	138	116	110	119	138	129.4	121.2
August	129	137	114	109	114	124	126.8	118.7
Number of establishments now furnishing returns	599	102	120	35	69	14	939	939

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND.

Working from the basis of the results of the Census of 30th June, 1933, and from compilations made from returns of employers in remitting wages tax and returns collected from Government Departments, the Government Statistician of New South Wales has prepared an index of employment and unemployment covering all persons dependent on employment in New South Wales. The Director of the Bureau of Industry of Queensland publishes an index of employment and unemployment among men wage and salary earners. The data for this index are derived from information relating to Unemployment Insurance contributions and other sources. The results are given below -

Percentages of Employment and Unemployment - All available wage-earners
(a) Including and (b) Excluding as employed the full-time equivalent
of men engaged part-time on relief works.

Period	Percentage of all who are dependent on and available for employment			
	(a) Including as employed the full-time equivalent of all part-time relief workers		(b) Including all part-time relief workers as unemployed	
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed
Census of 30th June, 1933	74.4	25.6	73.5	26.5
1935 - June ..	85.9	14.1	83.1	16.9
1936 - June ..	89.3	10.7	87.1	12.9
1937 - June ..	93.5	6.5	92.3	7.7
1938 - June ..	96.1	3.9	95.1	4.9
August ..	95.3	4.7	94.2	5.8
September ..	95.8	4.2	94.8	5.2
October ..	95.4	4.6	94.3	5.7
November ..	95.6	4.4	94.6	5.4
December ..	96.5	3.5	95.4	4.6
1939 - January ..	93.0	7.0	91.9	8.1
February ..	94.4	5.6	93.3	6.7
March ..	94.2	5.8	93.2	6.8
April ..	94.6	5.4	93.5	6.5
May ..	94.3	5.7	93.3	6.7
June ..	93.7	6.3	92.6	7.4
July ..	93.8	6.2	92.7	7.3
August ..	93.5	6.5	92.4	7.6

The indexes were revised in November, 1937. In estimating the increase in the number of persons dependent on employment allowance is now made for (a) increase in the proportion of females who are wage-earners, and (b) youths who were without occupation but were not recorded in the wage-earning group at the Census of 1933. Adjustment for seasonal variations in employment is not made except in respect of casual retail employees in December.

At the Census of 30th June, 1933, 15,142 persons dependent on employment returned themselves as unemployed by reason of illness, accident, etc. or "voluntarily". This number, representing 1.8 per cent. of all persons dependent on employment is excluded from the above indexes, which relate to percentages of available wage-earners, employed and unemployed.

The approximate number of persons in private employment was 478,000 in June, 1933; 653,000 in June, 1937; 689,000 in June, 1938; and 680,000 in August, 1939.

QUEENSLAND

Employment and Unemployment among Men Wage and Salary Earners.

Period	(a) Including as employed the full-time equivalent of part-time relief workers		(b) Including "Intermittent Relief Workers" as unemployed	
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed
3 months ended -				
1934 - June ..	85.0	15.0	80.2	19.8
1935 - June ..	85.9	10.1	85.2	14.8
1936 - June ..	91.8	8.2	86.4	13.6
1937 - June ..	94.3	5.7	90.5	9.5
1938 - June ..	95.4	4.6	91.8	8.2
July ..	95.7	4.3	92.1	7.9
August ..	95.9	4.1	92.5	7.5
September ..	96.0	4.0	92.8	7.2
October ..	95.5	4.5	93.2	6.8
November ..	95.2	4.8	93.7	6.3
December ..	94.8	5.2	94.0	6.0
1939 - January ..	95.2	4.8	94.6	5.4
February ..	95.3	4.7	94.7	5.3
March ..	95.5	4.5	95.1	4.9
April ..	95.7	4.3	95.4	4.6
May ..	95.8	4.2	95.5	4.5
June ..	96.0	4.0	95.7	4.3
July ..	95.9	4.1	95.7	4.3

The above table is in terms of full-time employment and unemployment. Normal seasonal variation is excluded. Allowance is made for the nett growth in the number of men dependent on employment. The approximate number of men in employment for the three months ended July, 1939, excluding relief workers, was 183,000.

TASMANIA : EMPLOYMENT.

The following table compiled from the wages tax returns of private employers in respect of their employees, whether subject to or not subject to tax, and from returns of Commonwealth, State and Local Government employment, gives the best measure available of the course of total employment in Tasmania.

Period		Private Industry			Public Authorities			Total Employment Public and Private		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1936-37	..	30,858	9,522	40,380	10,798	1,763	12,561	41,656	11,285	52,941
1937-38	..	34,001	10,685	44,686	10,581	1,825	12,406	44,582	12,510	57,092
1938-39	..	36,105	11,250	47,355	10,486	1,877	12,363	46,591	13,127	59,718
1937-38 - June	..	32,967	10,675	43,642	10,651	1,866	12,517	43,618	12,541	56,159
1938-39 (a)										
July	..	33,553	10,618	44,171	10,591	1,873	12,464	44,144	12,491	56,635
August	..	33,753	10,700	44,453	10,667	1,863	12,530	44,420	12,563	56,983
September	..	33,751	10,793	44,544	10,593	1,875	12,468	44,344	12,668	57,012
October	..	34,749	10,334	45,083	10,701	1,879	12,580	45,450	12,213	57,663
November	..	36,454	10,943	47,397	10,561	1,879	12,440	47,015	12,822	59,837
December	..	37,347	11,607	48,954	10,728	1,843	12,571	48,075	13,450	61,525
January	..	36,543	11,953	48,496	10,249	1,787	12,036	46,792	13,740	60,532
February	..	37,324	12,069	49,393	10,624	1,893	12,517	47,948	13,962	61,910
March	..	40,016	12,180	52,196	10,637	1,903	12,540	50,653	14,083	64,736
April	..	37,299	11,538	48,837	10,167	1,895	12,062	47,466	13,433	60,899
May	..	37,329	11,214	48,543	10,111	1,911	12,022	47,440	13,125	60,565
June	..	35,139	11,046	46,185	10,203	1,925	12,133	45,347	12,971	58,318
1939-40 (a)										
July	..	36,007	10,943	46,950	10,100	1,948	12,048	46,107	12,891	58,998
August	..	35,864	10,994	46,858	10,313	1,958	12,271	46,177	12,952	59,129

(a) See Note 2 below.

1. For periods up to and including June, 1938 the figures in the table may be regarded as providing a virtually complete record of total employment. They are a combination of monthly figures received currently and annually, covering both private and public employment. They are deficient only to the inappreciable extent that some relief and other intermittent workers and domestic workers in private homes are not covered by the monthly returns. On the other hand, to the extent that they embrace the majority of workers subject to intermittent employment over the whole year, they reflect fully the seasonal and all other influences upon employment in Tasmania.

2. For the months of 1938-39 and 1939-40 the figures are estimates based upon the current monthly movements of all public authority employment and of about 44 per cent. of total private employment. For a given month the figure of total private employment of the corresponding month of the previous year is changed in the ratio of the change of the current figure of private employment. The indication of the position for all employment in Tasmania given by this technical procedure must be read in the light of other indications of current change.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER,
1939.

The figures relating to unemployment among members of Trade Unions are, similarly to those published in the past, derived from returns furnished by Trade Unions.

The percentages of recorded unemployment among members of reporting Trade Unions for Australia as a whole are given below for the June quarter of 1932, when unemployment was at its maximum and for each quarter from September, 1934 onwards -

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1932 - June quarter	30.0 per cent.		
1934 - September "	20.4	"	"
December "	18.8	"	"
1935 - March quarter	18.6	"	"
June "	17.8	"	"
September "	15.9	"	"
December "	13.7	"	"
1936 - March quarter	13.4	"	"
June "	12.8	"	"
September "	12.0	"	"
December "	10.7	"	"
1937 - March quarter	9.9	"	"
June "	9.7	"	"
September "	9.3	"	"
December "	8.2	"	"
1938 - March quarter	8.0	"	"
June "	8.6	"	"
September "	9.2	"	"
December "	8.9	"	"
1939 - March quarter	9.8	"	"
June "	9.7	"	"
September "	10.4	"	"

It should be noted that the figures refer to the mid-month of each quarter, and represent the conditions at the middle of that month. Consequently, the latest figures referred to herein relate to the middle of August, 1939.

Following the peak point (30 per cent.) in unemployment attained in the June quarter of 1932 the percentage dropped continuously to 8 per cent. in the March quarter of 1938, the lowest figure since August, 1927, when it was 6.7 per cent. After March, 1938, the index commenced to rise again, and, with minor fluctuations, had reached 10.4 per cent. in the September quarter, 1939.

The usual tables for Trade Union Unemployment are appended.

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Number and Membership of Trade Unions Reporting and Number and
Percentage of Unemployed : March quarter, 1929 to September
quarter, 1939.

Australia	March Quarter 1929	June Quarter 1932	June Quarter 1933	Septem- ber Quarter 1938	Decem- ber Quarter 1938	March Quarter 1939	June Quarter 1939	Septem- ber Quarter 1939
Number of Unions ..	375	396	394	394	395	395	395	395
Membership ..	420,304	413,272	415,059	468,174	471,121	475,378	478,250	479,103
Unemployed -								
Number ..	39,159	123,948	106,502	42,732	41,667	46,611	46,249	49,954
Percentage ..	9.3	30.0	25.7	9.2	8.9	9.8	9.7	10.4

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Percentage of Members of Trade Unions Reported as Unemployed
in each State : March quarter, 1929 to September quarter,
1939.

State	March Quarter 1929	June Quarter 1932	June Quarter 1933	Septem- ber Quarter 1938	Decem- ber Quarter 1938	March Quarter 1939	June Quarter 1939	Septem- ber Quarter 1939
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
New South Wales ..	9.7	33.2	29.6	10.0	10.1	11.0	11.1	12.1
Victoria ..	8.6	27.7	23.0	9.7	9.0	10.8	10.4	11.2
Queensland ..	7.1	19.9	15.6	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.7	5.8
South Australia ..	13.2	35.2	30.0	10.0	8.8	9.3	9.5	9.4
Western Australia	8.5	30.3	26.0	6.1	6.5	7.3	6.2	8.2
Tasmania (a) ..	10.9	27.5	18.4	8.5	10.2	7.6	9.4	8.3
<u>AUSTRALIA:</u>	9.3	30.0	25.7	9.2	8.9	9.8	9.7	10.4

(a) Revised Series. These percentages, which replace those hitherto published, are based on the returns of reporting unions after excluding certain females from Class III (Food, drink, etc.). The females excluded, although substantially all employed from January to March, are for the rest of the year not "unemployed" in the sense that they are seeking jobs unsuccessfully in their own industry. They are either employed in other occupations (e.g. paid domestic service) or are engaged in home duties.

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